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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/49/606)]

49/159. Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan
against Organized Transnational Crime

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the rapid growth and geographical extension of organized crime in its various forms, both nationally and internationally, undermining the development process, impairing the quality of life and threatening human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing that the growing threat of organized crime, with its highly destabilizing and corrupting influence on fundamental social, economic and political institutions, represents a challenge demanding increased and more effective international cooperation,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/71 of 8 December 1989, 45/121 and 45/123 of 14 December 1990, 47/87 of 16 December 1992 and 48/103 of 20 December 1993 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1992/23 of 30 July 1992 and 1993/29 and 1993/30 of 27 July 1993, and taking note of Council resolutions 1994/12 and 1994/13 of 25 July 1994,

Recalling in particular its resolution 46/152, in which it approved the statement of principles and programme of action on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, contained in the annex to that resolution,

Acknowledging with appreciation the work of the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, held at Naples, Italy, from 21 to 23 November 1994,

Acknowledging with appreciation also the work of the International Conference on Preventing and Controlling Money Laundering and the Use of the Proceeds of Crime: A Global Approach, held at Courmayeur, Italy, from 18 to 20 June 1994, organized by the International Scientific and Professional

Advisory Council of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the Government of Italy, under the auspices of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat,

Noting regional initiatives in this field, such as the Conference on Drugs and Organized Crime, between the countries of the European Union and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, as reflected in the Berlin Declaration of 8 September 1994, the fifteenth summit of Central American Presidents, held at Guácimo, Limón, Costa Rica, from 18 to 20 August 1994, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Convention on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, as well as the Declaration of the sixteenth plenary session of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States, held at Santiago in October 1994,

Recognizing that organized transnational crime is a major concern of all countries and that it calls for a concerted response from the international community,

Emphasizing the need for strengthened and improved international cooperation at all levels and for more effective technical cooperation to assist States in their fight against organized transnational crime,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Italy for acting as host to the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime;
2. Takes note with appreciation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Conference; 1/
3. Approves the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, 2/ and urges States to implement them as a matter of urgency;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for appropriate action, while recommending a higher level of priority for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme within the framework of the United Nations;
5. Urges all entities of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, and the relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme their full support in the fulfilment of its tasks;
6. Invites Governments to contribute to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund in order to enable the programme to respond to the most urgent needs of States in the field of the prevention and control of organized transnational crime;
7. Resolves to take decisions at its fiftieth session on the allocation of adequate resources to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme on the basis of proposals for the modification of the programme to be submitted by the Secretary-General, taking into account the responsibilities entrusted to the United Nations pursuant to the Naples

1/ See A/49/748.

2/ Ibid., sect. I.A.

Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime;

8. Requests the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to keep the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime under regular review;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

94th plenary meeting

23 December 1994